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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management;

(b) if so, the details of the objectives and functioning of the Institute;and

(c) if not, the time by which the Institute will be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c): National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) is being set up at Kundli, District Sonepat, Haryana, as an international center of excellence to cater to the needs of various stakeholders such as entrepreneurs, industry, exporters, policy makers, government and existing institutions. The major objectives of setting up of NIFTEM are as under:

(i) To be an apex academic institution in the areas of food technology, entrepreneurship and management for the development, design, updation and standardization of courses, training programmes, teaching methods and learning materials.

(ii) To be an apex information resource center on aspects of food processing including information on products, technologies, management practices, food standards, markets etc.

(iii) To be the apex Research & Development (R&D) institute in India in Foods & Beverages and coordinate all R&D efforts in this sector in the country. It will carry out R&D in frontier areas, develop world-class technologies and assist the Government in policy making on R&D.

(iv) To play a pivotal role in developing food standards, quality, accreditation and certification; keeping a repository of international & national standards and also advising the Government on matters related to international food standards.

(v) To provide incubator services to enable entrepreneurs to develop sustainable businesses, which can in turn catalyze the growth of food processing sector.

The institute has been incorporated as a 'Not for Profit' company under section 25 of the Indian Companies Act 1956 and will be governed by the Board of Directors. The institute will have functional organization structure, which can empower and motivate the scientists and faculty to establish global benchmarks in research and training toward the achievement of its objectives. The Institute is expected to begin academic activities from July 2009.